

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 47 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 through 47 are now amended. Claims 48 through 50 are cancelled. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed or broader and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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